

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Scott Mendenhall, on February 15, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Scott Mendenhall, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Jim Keane, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Mike Milburn, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)  
Rep. Shannon Augare (D)  
Rep. Scott Boggio (R)  
Rep. Ernie Dutton (R)  
Rep. Kevin T. Furey (D)  
Rep. Ralph Heinert (R)  
Rep. Llew Jones (R)  
Rep. Harry Klock (R)  
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)  
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)  
Rep. Bill Thomas (D)  
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch  
Nancy Kraft, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 646, 2/13/2007; HB 652,  
2/13/2007  
Executive Action: Committee Bills (2); HB 646; HB  
652; HB 633; HB 601; HB 600

**HEARING ON HB 646**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:03:39 Rep. Edward Butcher (R), HD 29, opened the hearing on  
HB 646, Require testing in English for  
professional/occupational & driver licenses.

**EXHIBIT** (buh34a01)

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:09:39 Rep. Heinert  
00:09:50 Rep. Butcher  
00:10:25 Rep. Furey  
00:13:14 Rep. Butcher  
00:15:02 Rep. Dutton  
00:15:21 Rep. Butcher  
00:15:39 Rep. Mendenhall  
00:15:48 Rep. Butcher  
00:16:08 Rep. Keane

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:16:37 Rep. Butcher

**HEARING ON HB 652**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:17:01 Dave McAlpin (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HB 652,  
Community benefit agreements.

**EXHIBIT** (buh34a02)

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:22:11 Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association  
00:26:43 Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:27:54 Rep. Furey  
00:30:30 Mr. Griffin  
00:31:06 Rep. Milburn  
00:31:17 Rep. McAlpin  
00:32:36 Rep. Heinert  
00:33:21 Rep. McAlpin  
00:34:18 Rep. Windy Boy  
00:34:36 Rep. McAlpin  
00:35:01 Rep. Reinhart  
00:35:15 Rep. McAlpin  
00:37:15 Rep. Reinhart  
00:37:28 Mr. Griffin  
00:40:55 Rep. Reinhart  
00:41:07 Rep. McAlpin  
00:41:52 Rep. Boggio  
00:42:43 Rep. Mendenhall  
00:43:49 Rep. McAlpin

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:44:09 Rep. McAlpin  
00:46:52 Break

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON COMMITTEE BILL**

**Discussion on Potential Committee Bill About Stored Value Gift Cards/Housing Authority Funds:**

01:05:12 Rep. Jones  
01:07:46 Bart Campbell  
01:09:37 Rep. Jones  
01:10:03 Rep. Furey  
01:10:16 Mr. Campbell  
01:11:05 Rep. Jones  
01:11:24 Rep. Mendenhall

01:11:30 **Motion:** Rep. Jones moved that Committee Bill **BE DRAFTED.**

**Discussion:**

01:11:52 Rep. Keane  
01:12:38 Rep. Mendenhall  
01:13:36 Rep. Keane  
01:14:32 Rep. Windy Boy  
01:15:10 Rep. Keane

01:15:36 Without objection Rep. Jones withdrew his motion to begin drafting a Committee Bill.

01:15:56 Rep. Keane

01:16:22 Mr. Campbell

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON COMMITTEE BILL**

**Discussion on Potential Committee Bill About Work Force Investment Programs**

01:16:50 **Motion:** Rep. Jones moved that Committee Bill **BE DRAFTED.**

**Discussion:**

01:19:28 Rep. Milburn

01:20:14 Rep. Windy Boy

01:20:28 Rep. Jones

01:21:09 Rep. Keane

01:21:26 Rep. Jones

01:22:01 Rep. Furey

01:22:18 Mr. Campbell

01:24:03 Rep. Heinert

01:24:17 Mr. Campbell

01:24:29 Rep. Jones

01:24:45 Mr. Campbell

01:25:17 Rep. Mendenhall

01:25:31 Rep. Jones

01:25:55 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Van Dyk, Augare, and Stahl voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 646**

01:26:44 **Motion:** Rep. Milburn moved that HB 646 **DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:26:54 Rep. Keane

01:27:23 Rep. Furey

01:27:36 Bart Campbell

01:29:01 Rep. Milburn

01:29:27 Rep. Thomas

01:30:37 Rep. Windy Boy

01:30:51 Rep. Jones

01:31:54 **Vote:** Motion failed 0-16 by voice vote. Reps. Van Dyk, Augare, and Stahl voted by proxy.

01:32:19 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Keane made a substitute motion that HB 646 **BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Substitute motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Van Dyk, Augare, and Stahl voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 652**

01:32:42 **Motion:** Rep. Keane moved that HB 652 **DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

01:32:58 Rep. Furey  
01:34:03 Rep. Jones  
01:35:30 Rep. Reinhart  
01:35:40 Rep. Boggio  
01:36:31 Rep. Reinhart  
01:37:30 Rep. Windy Boy  
01:37:56 Rep. Milburn  
01:38:30 Rep. Mendenhall

01:39:48 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-11 by roll call vote with Reps. Augare, Furey, Keane, Reinhart, and Windy Boy voting aye. Reps. Van Dyk, Augare, and Stahl voted by proxy.

01:40:41 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Keane made a substitute motion that HB 652 **BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Substitute motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Van Dyk, Augare, and Stahl voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 633**

01:41:18 **Motion:** Rep. Dutton moved that HB 633 **DO PASS**.

01:41:46 **Motion:** Rep. Dutton moved that HB 633 **BE AMENDED**.

**EXHIBIT** (buh34a03)

**Discussion:**

01:43:28 Rep. Klock

01:44:27 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-1 by voice vote with Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Reps. Van Dyk, Augare, and Stahl voted by proxy.

01:44:57 **Motion:** Rep. Dutton moved that HB 633 **DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

**Discussion:**

01:46:06 Rep. Windy Boy

01:46:34 Rep. Dutton

01:46:54 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-2 by voice vote with Reps. Augare and Windy Boy voting no. Reps. Van Dyk, Augare, and Stahl voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 601**

01:48:00 **Motion:** Rep. Reinhart moved that HB 601 **DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:47:09 Rep. Arntzen

01:49:16 Rep. Keane

01:49:31 Rep. Milburn

01:50:44 Rep. Windy Boy

01:51:24 Rep. Dutton

01:52:13 Rep. Reinhart

01:53:33 Rep. Mendenhall

01:55:27 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-9 by roll call vote with Reps. Augare, Furey, Keane, Reinhart, Thomas, Van Dyk, and Windy Boy voting aye. Reps. Van Dyk, Augare, and Stahl voted by proxy.

01:56:24 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Keane made a substitute motion that HB 601 **BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Substitute motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Van Dyk, Augare, and Stahl voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 600**

01:56:49 **Motion:** Rep. Windy Boy moved that HB 600 **DO PASS.**

**EXHIBIT (buh34a04)**

**Discussion:**

01:57:18 Rep. Jones

01:58:37 Rep. Windy Boy

01:59:26 Rep. Keane

01:59:56 Rep. Dutton

02:00:08 Rep. Keane

02:00:24 Rep. Mendenhall

02:01:04 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-13 by roll call vote with Reps. Keane, Reinhart, and Van Dyk voting aye. Reps. Van Dyk, Augare, and Stahl voted by proxy.

02:01:58 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Milburn made a substitute motion that HB 600 **BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Substitute motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Van Dyk, Augare, and Stahl voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON COMMITTEE BILL-STORED VALUE GIFT CARDS**

02:02:13 **Motion:** Rep. Keane moved that Committee Bill **BE DRAFTED**.

**Discussion:**

02:03:16 Rep. Arntzen

02:03:52 Rep. Mendenhall

02:04:03 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Van Dyk, Augare, and Stahl voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

02:04:32 Adjournment: 10:10 A.M.

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REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, Chairman

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NANCY KRAFT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([buh34aad.pdf](#))**